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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: SECY'S STATEMENT--REPRESENTATIONS

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TO GOVT OF QATAR

REF: STATE 043693, STATE 043697

1. AS QUICKEST WAY OF GETTING OUR VIEWS AND SUBSTANCE OF
SECY'S STATEMENT ON BOYCOTT TO AMIR OF QATAR BEFORE SECY'S
STATEMENT HITS PRESS, I MADE PRESENTATION TO AMIR'S OFFICE

DIRECTOR ISSA AL KAWARI, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF INFORMATION, ON MORNING FEB 28, DRAWING ON REFTELS. I HAD INFORMED AMIR WHILE BRIEFING HIM ON SECY'S MID EAST TRIP THAT SECY'S STATEMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING (DOHA 240-NOTAL). KAWARI AGREED TO MY REQUEST THAT MATTER BE BROUGHT IMMEDIATELY TO AMIR'S ATTENTION AND I PROMISED TO PROVIDE FULL TEXT OF SECY'S STATEMENT AS SOON AS IT COULD BE TYPED.

2. I TOLD KAWARI THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION'S BOYCOTT POLICY BEING FORMULATED AGAINST BACKGROUND OF OUR DETERMINATION TO ASSIST PARTIES IN REACHING MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO US/ARAB TRADE RELATIONS, AS WELL AS BILATERAL AND REGIONAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

3. I OUTLINED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ARABS' SOVEREIGN RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH PRIMARY BOYCOTT AND US SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AS REGARDED ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE SECONDARY ASPECTS OF BOYCOTT. I EMPHASIZED OUR FIRM OPPOSITION TO ANY ASPECTS OF BOYCOTT WHICH WERE DISCRIMINATORY ON BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION OR ETHNIC ORIGIN. I NOTED THAT THERE WERE WAYS, SUCH AS POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS, BY WHICH WE COULD REMOVE OBNOXIOUS ELEMENTS FROM BOYCOTT PROCEDURES AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT QATARIS HAD ALREADY ACCEPTED AND WERE USING POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS. I INFORMED KAWARI OF SAUDI COOPERATION ON CERTIFICATION PROBLEM. (COMMENT: REGRET THAT REPRESENTATION MADE BEFORE RECEIPT OF JIDDA 1584.)

4. I ASSERTED THAT ADMINISTRATION PLANNED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS IN FORMULATING ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION THAT

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WOULD ACCORD WITH OUR PRINCIPLES BUT NOT DISRUPT OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS. I OBSERVED THAT SECY'S STATEMENT MET AMIR'S REQUIREMENT THAT USG NOT RPT NOT ADOPT CONFRONTATIVE ATTITUDE AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FULL UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS WOULD ENABLE USG AND ARABS TO AVOID BOYCOTT'S BECOMING A PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONS TO DETRIMENT OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS.

5. KAWARI SAID THAT AMIR WOULD STUDY SECY'S STATEMENT CAREFULLY AND BE IN TOUCH IF HE HAD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. HE SAID IT WAS HIS FIRST IMPRESSION THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD ADOPTED REASONABLE APPROACH TO THIS POTENTIALLY VEXING ISSUE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE COULD WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP LID ON.

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